(b) what was the allocation made for the year 1988-89, programme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) The approved allocation for the forestry sector in the Seventh Five Year Plan for Assam is Rs. 70 crores.

(b) The allocation for 1988-89 is Rs. 18·80 crores. Programme-wise allocation for some major schemes is given below :

(Rs. crores)

(i) Forest conservation and development	2.02
(ii) Production forestry	2.52
(iii) Social forestry (including rural fuelwood plantation)	9.15
(iv) Wildlife preservation	1.58
(v) Hill Area Development	0.48
(vi) Other programmes (include Forestry research, Education, Training, Communication and building, Forest produce, survey etc.)	3.05
Total	18.80

Appointments made by the Staff Selection Commission

3077. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total appointments made by the Staff Selection Commission during the last three years ; and

(b) what is the percentage of Muslims and other minorities in these appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) During the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88, the Staff Selection Commission recommended a total number of 38,254 candidates for appointment to Group 'C' non-technical posts in various Government of India offices. The appointments are made by respective appointing authorities.

(b) Data relating to recruitment religion-wise is not maintained by the Government.

Plight of War Widows

3078. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Statement of the President of the War Widows Guild published in the 'Hindustan Times,' dated the 29th January, 1989 about the plight of the country's War Widows ;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter and whether Government propose to set up a Welfare Board for the War widows; and

(c) if so, by when such a Board is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Comprehensive measures taken by Government for rehabilitation of War Widows include Liberalised Pensionary Award, Priority IIA for employment in Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts, educational concessions, for children upto First Degree Course, travel concessions, etc. A new Division has been set up in the Ministry of Defence to look after the policy issues relating to problems of resettlement and welfare of Ex-servicemen and war widows, while the Director General Resettlement is overall responsible for the implementation of various schemes and measures. There is no proposal to set up a separate welfare Board for war widows.

Persons arrested for Adulteration of Food

3079. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons arrested for adulteration in food and other edibles during the period January, 1987 till December, 1988 in Delhi ; and

(b) the details of punishment given to these persons ; and

(c) whether the cases of food adulteration are on the increase or decrease?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 670 persons in 391 cases were prosecuted from January 1987 till December, 1988 by the Directorate of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration in courts for violation of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act/Rules.

(b) During the year 1987 and 1988, 143 cases were convicted by courts and 172 persons were sentenced in these cases. The details of the punishment awarded are as follows :—

26 persons	Fine only
44 persons	Imprisonment upto 3 months.
61 persons	Imprisonment upto 6 months.
8 persons	Imprisonment upto 9 months.
23 persons	Imprisonment of one year and above.
1 person	Imprisonment for two years.
9 persons	Released on probation.

A total fine of Rs. 3,36,250 were imposed on all the aforesaid persons.

(c) There is no appreciable change in food adulteration cases. However, actual extent of adulteration which is injurious to health, is on the decline.

Report of the Siddiqui Committee

3080. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI :
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) when the Siddiqui Committee submitted its report ;